

31. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 30, which comprises introducing embryonic cardiomyocyte cells into said infarcted myocardial tissue.

32. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 30, which comprises introducing adult cardiomyocyte cells into said infarcted myocardial tissue.

33. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26, wherein said cardiomyocytes of said graft are non-immunogenic to said animal.

34. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26 wherein said cardiomyocyte cells of said cellular graft are genetically identical to cells of said animal.

35. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26 wherein said animal is a mammal.

36. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26, wherein said cardiomyocyte cells of said graft are non-immortalized.

37. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 35 wherein said myocardial tissue is ventricular myocardial tissue.

38. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 37, wherein said ventricular myocardial tissue is left ventricular myocardial tissue.

39. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26, wherein said cellular graft comprises cardiomyocyte cells intercellularly coupled to cardiomyocyte cells of said myocardial tissue by junctional complexes.

40. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 26, wherein the cellular graft comprises cardiomyocyte cells that carry a transgene encoding a recombinant molecule.

41. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 40, wherein the recombinant molecule is a protein.

42. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 41, wherein the protein is delivered to said myocardial tissue by the graft cardiomyocyte cells.

43. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 42 wherein the protein is an angiogenic factor or neurotrophic agent.

44. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 43 wherein the protein is an angiogenic factor that induces neovascularization in the myocardial tissue.

45. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 44, wherein the angiogenic factor is basic or acidic Fibroblast Growth Factor, Transforming Growth Factor-Beta, Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor, or Hepatocyte Growth Factor.

46. (New) A method for cellular grafting according to claim 43, wherein the protein is a neurotrophic agent.

47. (New) A method of treating diseased or damaged myocardial tissue comprising forming a graft of cardiomyocyte cells in said tissue, wherein the graft is viable for at least six months.

48. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, which comprises the step of introducing embryonic cardiomyocyte cells into said myocardial tissue.

49. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, which comprises the step of introducing adult cardiomyocyte cells into said myocardial tissue.

50. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein said cellular graft is for supplementing myocardial function.

51. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 50, wherein said myocardial tissue is infarcted myocardial tissue.

52. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 51, which comprises introducing embryonic cardiomyocyte cells into said infarcted myocardial tissue.

53. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 51, which comprises introducing adult cardiomyocyte cells into said infarcted myocardial tissue.

54. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein said cardiomyocytes of said graft are non-immunogenic to said animal.

55. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein said cardiomyocyte cells of said cellular graft are genetically identical to cells of said animal.

56. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 29, wherein said animal is a mammal.

57. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein said cardiomyocyte cells of said graft are non-immortalized.

58. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 57, wherein said myocardial tissue is ventricular myocardial tissue.

59. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 33, wherein said ventricular myocardial tissue is left ventricular myocardial tissue.

60. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein said cellular graft comprises cardiomyocyte cells intercellularly coupled to cardiomyocyte cells of said myocardial tissue by junctional complexes.

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61. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein the cellular graft comprises cardiomyocyte cells that carry a transgene encoding a recombinant molecule.

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62. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 61, wherein the recombinant molecule is a protein.

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63. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 62 wherein the protein is delivered to said myocardial tissue by the graft cardiomyocyte cells.

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64. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 63, wherein the protein is an angiogenic factor or neurotrophic agent.

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65. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 64, wherein the protein is an angiogenic factor that induces neovascularization in the myocardial tissue.

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66. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 65, wherein the angiogenic factor is basic or acidic Fibroblast Growth Factor, Transforming Growth Factor-Beta, Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor, or Hepatocyte Growth Factor.

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67. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 64, wherein the protein is a neurotrophic agent.

68. (New) A method for treating diseased or damaged tissue according to claim 47, wherein said cardiomyocyte cells are obtained by a process that comprises providing embryonic stem cells having a selection marker enabling selection of the cardiomyocyte cells from other cells, causing the embryonic stem cells to differentiate, and selecting the cardiomyocyte cells.